

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Building E5380 Survey Number: HA-1994  
Project: Demolition of Bldg E5380 @ Aberdeen Proving Gd Agency: ARMY  
Site visit by MHT Staff: X no     yes Name                      Date             
Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended         
Criteria: XA    B XC    D Considerations:    A    B    C    D    E    F    G    None  
Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Building E5380, located in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground is considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C. The CN Cyanide Manufacturing Plant was erected in 1942 as a chemical weapons manufacturing facility. The building was erected during the period of significance of Aberdeen Proving Ground and was directly associated with the primary mission of APG, that is the manufacturing of chemical weapons. The building qualifies for listing under Criterion A as representation of the chemical weapons manufacturing process prior to American military involvement in, but during World War II.

The building is a two-story steel frame structure with metal sheathing. The building is covered with a gable roof and features banks of steel frame sash on at least two of its four elevations. Two metal staircases provide exterior access to the second story of the manufacturing facility. The building is representative of a chemical weapons manufacturing facility, and though somewhat altered, retains sufficient integrity to qualify for listing under Criterion C.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance

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Kim Prothro Williams October 15, 1996  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: X yes     no     not applicable  
John E. Kuntz 10/16/96  
Reviewer, NR program Date

Survey No. NA-1794

**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT**

**I. Geographic Region:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

**II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle Woodland	500 B.C. - A.D. 900
<input type="checkbox"/>	Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
<input type="checkbox"/>	Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown Period ( <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> historic)

**III. Prehistoric Period Themes:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Subsistence
<input type="checkbox"/>	Settlement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Political
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demographic
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technology
<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Adaptation

**IV. Historic Period Themes:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
<input type="checkbox"/>	Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government/Law
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Educational/Cultural
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation

**V. Resource Type:**

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Army Installation

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Warehouse/Manufacturing Facility

Known Design Source: Chemical Warfare Service